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37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box SEQUENCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, that accompanied the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed 03 May 2001, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing. Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following:

--In yet another embodiment, a method is provided which prepares a substantially pure ribonuclease of this invention. In addition, the method can be used to purify a cytotoxic reagent of this invention. The method comprises: (i) contacting a ribonuclease with an (His₆) (SEQ ID NO:43) histidine tag and a methionine at position 7 with an effective concentration of a cleaving agent such that the ribonuclease is cleaved after the carboxy group of methionine at position 1; (ii) passing the ribonuclease through a Ni²⁺-NTA agarose column; and (iii) eluting the substantially pure ribonuclease from the column. In a preferred embodiment, the cleaving agent is CNBr.--